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Stites & Harbison PLLC Attention: R. Benjamin Crittenden 421 West Main Street P.O. Box 634 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0634

Re: Kentucky Power Company

Petition for Confidential Protection received 4/27/10

PSC Reference - Case No. 2009-00545

Dear Mr. Crittenden:

The Public Service Commission has received the Petition for Confidential Protection you filed on April 27, 2010 on behalf of Kentucky Power Company ("Kentucky Power"), to protect certain information filed with the Commission as confidential pursuant to Section 7 of 807 KAR 5:001 and KRS 61.878. The information you seek to have treated as confidential is identified as being contained in its Supplemental Response to the Attorney General's Second Data Request, Question 3(c). The information is described as regarding the proposed biomass facility, including the facility's preliminary target price for energy in connection with the proposed biomass project.

Your justification for having the Commission handle this material as confidential is that the public disclosure of the information would compromise Kentucky Power's competitive position in the industry and result in an unfair commercial advantage to its competitors.

Based on a review of the information and pursuant to KRS 61.878 and 807 KAR 5:001, Section 7, the Commission has determined that the information requested to be held confidential is of a proprietary nature, which if publicly disclosed would permit an unfair commercial advantage to Kentucky Power's competitors. Therefore, the information requested to be treated as confidential **meets the criteria for confidential protection** and will be maintained as a nonpublic part of the Commission's file in this case. The



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procedure for usage of confidential materials during formal proceedings may be found at Section 7(8) of 807 KAR 5:001.

If the information becomes publicly available or no longer warrants confidential treatment, Kentucky Power Company is required by Section 8(9)(a) of 807 KAR 5:001 to inform the Commission so that the information may be placed in the public record.

**Executive Director** 

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